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13. [ ] BRIEFING David Barton, on the staff of the House International Relations Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East, called to set a date for an informal briefing on the domestic situation in the USSR. This briefing would be as background for a series of public hearings the Subcommittee intends to hold beginning in late September. The subject matter would be the political, military and economic situation in the Soviet Union. We tentatively set 20 September at 2:00 p.m. as a time for the session. It will be an informal executive session with no transcript being taken. Barton will provide a rough estimate of the subjects that should be treated and the depth to which they will be covered.

14. [ ] CONSTITUENT David Shaw, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, called with a problem with respect to a letter received by Senator Richard G. Lugar (R., Ind.) from a constituent alleging that he had been the object of technical surveillance. The constituent also claimed that his watch had been "bugged" and forwarded his watch to the Senator. I suggested that Shaw forward a copy of the letter to us for review. I also suggested that Shaw not forward the watch.

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15. [ ] LIAISON Spoke with John Ritch, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and told him that I had the information Senator Joseph R. Biden (D., Del.) had requested while in Vienna and that I would forward it to Committee offices by courier for his review.

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Mr. Ritch explained that he was writing a report on his trip and requested any background information on Czechoslovakia and Hungary and the Mutual and Balance Force Reduction that could be provided for his use in preparing the report. After discussing the matter with [ ] CSS, I told Ritch that the best available paper we had was "Prospects for Eastern Europe, June 1977." Ritch said he already had a copy of that document and asked for something further. I told him that we would see what we could do but chances are we would have very little on those two countries individually. I offered to provide him with an oral briefing on the subject which he said he might resort to if we were unable to come up with something in writing.

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